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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of March 25, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on June 25, 2004 and for which a Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith, setting the period for response to August 25, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this Response.